

Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application. The underlines indicate added matter and the strikethrough indicates deleted matter.

Listing of the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of distance learning ~~comprising the steps of: installation on~~ using at least one education center server of a comprising software for database management, data transfer and communication amongst the education system users; the education center server further comprising an educational platform comprising software for conducting on-line education lessons; ~~student registration in the scope of which they receive at least one electronic data carrier containing an education material for the subject studied in a given format; establishing at least one interactive on-line session between a lecturer and the students, during which session the lecturer presents an educational material on the students' interface, in particular by means of activating the material contained in the students' electronic data carrier, asks the students questions and/or transfers tests and/or exercises to solve, wherein the students' interface is comprised of windows and tools, including those of remote communication, such as electronic mail, voice mail, chat and forum; and finishing the on-line session when the set time has elapsed; characterized in that it comprises the~~ method comprising the steps of:

a) dividing the an education program into several education levels (10, 11, 12, 13, 14), of which each one including level includes at least one module ($M_1, M_2, \dots M_n$), the at least one module corresponding in its contents to a subject of a traditional education;

b) providing each registered student ~~(1)~~, ~~within the registration (20)~~, with at least one electronic data carrier including a workshop material ~~(32)~~ and a multi-media electronic textbook ~~(33)~~ for independent study, and with an access password ~~(35)~~ to the educational platform ~~(3)~~;

c) establishing at least one interactive on-line session of electronic workshops ~~(24)~~ for each module ($M_1, M_2, \dots M_n$) within each education level (10, 11, 12, 13, 14) in a predetermined time after the registration ~~(20)~~ of the students ~~(1)~~, the at least one interactive session being established through the educational platform ~~(3)~~ containing

a web site, and the at least one interactive session including a presentation to the students (4) by the lecturer (4) of the workshop material (32), submitting to ~~them~~ the students questions and exercises to resolve, checking and discussing by the lecturer (4) of the exercises' solutions and a group discussion among students, with use of remote communication means;

d) activating electronic consultations (22) between the students (4) and the lecturers (4), following the termination of each interactive session of the electronic workshops (22), with use of remote communication means;

e) providing each student (4), following the termination of a predetermined session, ~~preferably the first session of the electronic workshops (21),~~ with a subject of a test work (23) for individual preparation and submission of a test work report to the ~~university~~ educational platform at a predetermined time; and

f) conducting a final examination (25,25a) for each module ($M_1, M_2, \dots M_n$).

2. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein each education level (10, 11, 12, 13, 14) includes at least several modules ($M_1, M_2, \dots M_n$)

3. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1 or 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein for each module ($M_1, M_2, \dots M_n$) are organized several, ~~preferably between 5 and 10,~~ interactive sessions of the electronic workshops (21), of which each has a duration between 1 and 5 hours ; ~~preferably between 2 and 3 hours.~~

4. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the workshop material (32), ~~being is~~ is activated during the interactive electronic workshops (21), ~~consists of~~ and the material comprises a sequence of a series of following sequences: presentation of problems, description, explanation, illustration, actual example from an economic reality, indication of application possibilities, checking of the students' understanding of the material and ~~finally a~~ recommendation for individual application.

5. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that it further comprises~~ further comprising the step of dividing each session of the

electronic workshops (21) into several independent parts (A1, B1, B2, B3, B4) with the same or different duration, ~~wherein in the~~ several independent parts comprising a first part (A1) including a presentation to the students (1) of the workshop material (32), a discussion of the issues by the lecturer (4), ~~as well as and~~ students' replies to the lecturer's questions ~~take place; in the~~ a second part (B1) including transmitting by the lecturer (4) of exercises for individual resolution and their resolving by the students; ~~in the~~ a third part (B2) including checking of the exercise solutions by the lecturer (4) and a discussion between the students by means of remote communication means; ~~in the~~ a fourth part (B3) including summing-up of the issues and exercise solutions by the lecturer (4); and ~~in the~~ a fifth part (B4) including a discussion between the students (1) by means of remote communication.

6. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 5 1, ~~characterized in that it further comprises~~ further comprising the step of directing the students (1), who ~~do not manage to login to the educational platform (3) before~~ after the start of a first part of the electronic workshops (21), first into a "waiting room" and then automatically including them into ~~the participation in the electronic workshops (21)~~, preferably prior the commencement of a next part the workshops.

7. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 6, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the "waiting room" for delayed students (1) is created by parallel, shifted in time running of several similar electronic workshops (21).

8. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein several first parts (A1) of the several similar electronic workshops (21) are run shifted in time with respect to each of the several first parts.

9. . (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 5, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein during the presentation of successive issues by the lecturer (4), the students (1) are provided with a list for saving Internet addresses relating to the issue discussed, to which new addresses are then attached to the list relating to consecutive issues.

10. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 4 or 5, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein for a discussion are utilized remote communication means in the form of at least one tool selected from a group consisting of: electronic mail, voice mail, discussion group, chat and forum.

11. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the electronic consultations (22) are conducted by means of the educational platform (3), with use of ~~the~~ e-mail and a discussion group that comprises the students (1) of registered for a given module, and with a participation of an operator/consultant and/or the ~~university's~~ lecturers (4).

12. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 11, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein upon receipt of a question by an operator/consultant within the electronic consultations (22) a check is first made in a knowledge database and if it does contain an answer to the question asked, the operator/consultant transmits it the answer to the student, while in the case of a lack of such an answer, the question is directed to a lecturer running a given module, which transmits the answer to the operator/consultant and the latter to the student.

13. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 12, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the answer to a question asked is added to the knowledge database.

14. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 12, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a lecturer is the operator/consultant of the electronic consultations (22).

15. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that it further comprises~~ further comprising the step of activating interactive archived electronic workshops, the archived workshops being activated after the termination of the electronic workshops (21), but prior to returning the test work report, ~~preferably solely to the scope of the first part (A1) of the electronic workshops (21).~~

16. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein after return of the ~~control~~ test work report, the lecturer sends to the

students in a determined time, advantageously by electronic mail, results of the ~~control~~ test together with a commentary.

17. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that it further comprises~~ further comprising a step of activating interactive electronic reviews (24), the reviews being activated prior to the final examination (25, 25a) for each module ($M_1, M_2, \dots M_n$) with a participation of the lecturer (4), the electronic reviews (24) ~~comprise, among other things, comprising~~ a repetition of the material covered within the electronic workshops (21) and a group discussion, with use of remote communication means.

18. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 17, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the electronic reviews (24) are conducted similarly to the electronic workshops (21).

19. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that it further comprises~~ further comprising the step of creating, prior to commencing the examination (25, 25a), a dynamic examination list which is blocked in ~~at~~ a predetermined time before the start of the examination (25, 25a).

20. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the examination (25) is conducted by a traditional way.

21. (Currently Amended) A method according to the claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the examination (25a) is conducted by an electronic means.

22. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that all the information, terms and possibly duration of individual components of the educational process, i.e.,~~ wherein the interactive electronic workshops (21), the archived workshops, the test works (23), the electronic reviews (24) and ~~the~~ the examination (25, 25a), as well as ~~control~~ the test work subjects and results, and the examination grading, ~~preferably together with general remarks and descriptions, are~~

included in the web site of the educational platform (3), which is accessible through the use of the access password (35) and the a student's identification number.

23. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that it further comprises~~ further comprising the step of creating a dynamic electronic library in the web site of the educational platform (3), the library being accessible through the use of the access password (35) and the a student's (4) identification number.

24. (Currently Amended) A method according to the claim 1, ~~characterized in that it further comprises~~ further comprising the step of checking, prior to the commencement of ~~an~~ the electronic workshop session, of a student's computer's equipment and software, ~~necessary for the~~ in communication with the educational platform (3) ~~and being in the possession of the students (4)~~, the checking being made by means of test software included in the educational platform's web site wherein in the case of finding by the test software of a deficiency of software, an automatic installation of such software through the educational platform's web site follows.

25. (Canceled) A method according to claim 24, characterized in that in the case of finding by the test software of a deficiency of necessary software, an automatic installation of such software through the educational platform's web site follows.

26. (Currently Amended) A method according to the claim 1, ~~characterized in that the workshop material (32) and the multi-media electronic textbook (33)~~ provided to the students are included in a single CD-ROM or DVD disk.

27. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 4 26, ~~characterized in that within the registration (20), the students (1) are provided wherein each~~ registered student is provided for each module ($M_1, M_2, \dots M_n$) with a syllabus (34) contained in an electronic data carrier, ~~preferably in the CD-ROM~~ or DVD disk including the workshop material (32) and the multi-media textbook (33).

28. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 27, ~~characterized in that in~~ wherein the CD-ROM or DVD disk, ~~including the syllabus (31), the workshop material (32) and the multi-media electronic textbook (33), is also placed further~~ contains a starter package (34), including a particular didactic guide, ~~and a technical instruction as well as a~~ and software necessary to open the formats of the files contained in the workshop material (32) and the electronic textbook (33).

29. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 4 17, ~~characterized in that further comprising, during the interactive electronic workshops (21) and the electronic reviews (24) for the students (1) is displayed an~~, displaying on a student's computer an interface (40), ~~including tool bars and at least two, preferably three main windows selected from the group consisting of: an information window (41), an action window (42) and a dialogue window (43), respectively, and tool bars (44 and 45).~~

30. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 29, ~~characterized in that further comprising presenting in the information window (41) is presented all complementary information relating to the material discussed, that presenting in the action window (42) is presented an educational material concerning the issues discussed by the lecturer (4), and that presenting in the dialogue window (43) are displayed in particular the~~ a syllabus (31), an index of key notions, definitions and formulas, a calculator, the electronic textbook (33) ~~as well as the~~ , chat and the e-mail.

31. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 30, ~~characterized in that further comprising presenting in the action window (42) are presented~~ videos, 3-D animations, 2-D illustrations, layouts, diagrams, texts, calculations and other dynamic information.

32. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 31, ~~characterized in that wherein in the videos presented in the action window (42) is included~~ include at least one presentation selected from the group consisting of: video with a lecturer or

other individual discussing an issue, recorded earlier or taken by a camera in real-time, video with an example illustrating an issue, interviews, documentary films as well as and video showing utilization of computer programs, ~~in particular of calculation sheets and databases.~~

33. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 29, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the tool bars (44 and 45) comprise communication buttons (48), including those for the chat, the e-mail and the forum, and recall buttons (49), including recalls to the electronic textbook (33), to the a glossary of terms, the to a syllabus (34), the to Internet addresses and to the a calculator.

34. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 33, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ in various phases of the electronic workshops (24) individual communication and recall buttons are enabled or disabled.